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SUBJ: YUGOSLAV-BULGARIAN RELATIONS

1. ON EVE OF NOV 11-13 VISIT TO BELGRADE BY
BULGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MLADENOV, MACEDONIA LCY
PRESIDENT ANGEL CEMERSKI TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT
YUGOSLAV RELATIONS WITH BULGARIA "NOT GOOD". HE
STRESSED FACT BULGARIANS DENY EXISTENCE SEPARATE MACEDONIAN
NATIONALITY MEANS BULGARIA HAS TERRITORIAL PRETENSIONS
ON MACEDONIA AND THUS ON YUGOSLAVIA.

2. COMMENT: DESPITE REPORTED TITO-ZHIVKOV AGREEMENT
AT HELSINKI TO ATTEMPT COME GRIPS WITH MACEDONIAN PROBLEMS,
REVIVAL OF ANTI-BULGARIAN POLEMIC IN YUGOSLAV PRESS
OVER PAST FEW WEEKS, ATMOSPHERE OF HOSTILITY TOWARD
BULGARIANS EVIDENT IN MACEDONIA ITSELF AND LARGER
PROBLEMS IN YUGOSLAV-SOVIET RELATIONSHIP AS EVIDENCED IN CURRENT
ANTI-COMINFORMIST CAMPAIGN CONFRONT
MLADENOV VISIT WITH TOUGH SLEDDING.
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